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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20015

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-405, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Enhancing Forensic-based Investigations in Our Community** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Carroll County Sheriff's Office**, located at 100 N. Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157.

The funding would improve technology for the Sheriff's forensics teams. The goal of this program would be to design, purchase and set up state-of-the art physical and digital forensic lab areas that would provide the latest tools, equipment, and related technology to enhance investigative efforts in the community. Crimes that are committed continually involve the use of more and more technology; as a result, the Office must have the latest technology in place to conduct investigations to better serve citizens. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because to reach Carroll County's vision to be the safest County in Maryland, technicians must have the latest equipment to effectively investigate and solve crimes in the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger  
Member of Congress

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